

1            **In the Claims**

2            No claims have been cancelled or added.

3            Claim 30 has been amended.

4            Claims 1-48 remain in the application and are listed as follows:

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6            1.        (Original) In a paging operating system having physical memory for  
7 holding information and secondary storage comprising a page file for receiving  
8 information that is paged out from the physical memory, a computer-implemented  
9 method of protecting information comprising:

10            encrypting information using a key that is page-locked in the physical  
11 memory; and

12            paging out, to the page file, the encrypted information.

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14            2.        (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1 further  
15 comprising prior to said encrypting, creating the key and page locking the key in  
16 the physical memory.

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18            3.        (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 2, wherein  
19 said creating the key comprises creating the key during system boot up.

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21            4.        (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 2, wherein  
22 said creating the key comprises generating a random key with a random key  
23 generator.

1       5. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 4, wherein  
2 said generating comprises using RSA RC4 as an encryption algorithm to generate  
3 the key.

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5       6. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein  
6 said encrypting comprises:

7              calling an operating system kernel;  
8              the kernel using the page-locked key to encrypt the information.

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10       7. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 6, wherein  
11 said calling is performed by an application.

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13       8. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 6, wherein  
14 said calling is performed by an operating system memory manager.

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16       9. (Original) One or more computer-readable media having computer-  
17 readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a computer, perform the  
18 computer-implemented method of claim 1.

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20       10. (Original) An operating system programmed with instructions  
21 which, when implemented by the operating system, implement the method of  
22 claim 1.

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24       11. (Original) In a paging operating system having main memory for  
25 holding information and secondary storage comprising a page file for receiving

1 information that is paged out from the main memory, a computer-implemented  
2 method of protecting information comprising:

3 page-locking a key in main memory;  
4 restricting access to the page-locked key to only the operating system  
5 kernel;  
6 calling the operating system kernel to encrypt information;  
7 accessing the page-locked key with the operating system kernel; and  
8 using the operating system kernel to encrypt the information with the page-  
9 locked key.

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11 12. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 11, wherein  
12 said calling is performed by an operating system memory manager.

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14 15 13. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 11, wherein  
15 said calling is performed by an application.

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17 18 14. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 11 further  
18 comprising prior to said calling:

19 designating at least one page in the main memory with a designation;  
20 recognizing the designation and, responsive thereto, calling the operating  
21 system kernel to encrypt the information.

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23 24 15. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 14, wherein  
24 said recognizing is performed by the memory manager.

1       16. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 11, wherein  
2 said calling comprises specifying a memory location and a memory size associated  
3 with the information to be encrypted.

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5       17. (Original) One or more computer-readable media having computer-  
6 readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a computer, perform the  
7 computer-implemented method of claim 11.

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9       18. (Original) An operating system programmed with instructions  
10 which, when implemented by the operating system, implement the method of  
11 claim 11.

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13       19. (Original) In a paging operating system having main memory for  
14 holding information and secondary storage comprising a page file for receiving  
15 information that is paged out from the main memory, a computer-implemented  
16 method of handling encrypted information comprising:

17             accessing encrypted information in the page file; and  
18             decrypting the encrypted information with a key that is page-locked in the  
19 main memory.

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21       20. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 19 further  
22 comprising placing the decrypted information in a page of main memory.

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24       21. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 19 further  
25 comprising placing the decrypted information in a page-locked page of main  
memory.

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2       22. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 19, wherein  
3 the page-locked key is accessible only to the operating system kernel.  
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5       23. (Original) One or more computer-readable media having computer-  
6 readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a computer, perform the  
7 computer-implemented method of claim 19.  
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9       24. (Original) An operating system programmed with instructions  
10 which, when implemented by the operating system, implement the method of  
11 claim 19.  
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13       25. (Original) In a paging operating system having main memory for  
14 holding information and secondary storage comprising a page file for receiving  
15 information that is paged out from the main memory, a computer-implemented  
16 method of protecting information comprising:  
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allocating a non-pageable page of main memory;

generating a random key; and

storing the random key in the non-pageable page of main memory, the  
random key being configured for use by the operating system to encrypt  
information that might be paged out to the page file.  
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23       26. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 25, wherein  
24 said generating comprises using an RSA RC4 encryption algorithm.  
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1       27. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 25, wherein  
2       said allocating takes place during system boot.

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4       28. (Original) One or more computer-readable media having computer-  
5       readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a computer, perform the  
6       computer-implemented method of claim 25.

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8       29. (Original) An operating system programmed with instructions  
9       which, when implemented by the operating system, implement the method of  
10      claim 25.

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12      30. (Currently Amended) In an operating system having main memory  
13      for holding information and secondary storage for receiving information that is  
14      transferred out of main memory, a computer-implemented method of protecting  
15      information comprising:

16           generating at least one non-pageable random key by using a random key  
17      generation process;

18           encrypting at least one selected block of information in the main memory  
19      with a software component that uses the at least one random key for encryption;

20           transferring the one encrypted block of information to the secondary  
21      storage;

22           decrypting the one encrypted block of information with the software  
23      component that uses the at least one random key for decryption; and

24           placing the decrypted block of information in the main memory.

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1       31. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 30, wherein  
2 said generating is performed during system boot up.

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4       32. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 30 further  
5 comprising restricting access to the at least one random key to only the software  
6 component.

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8       33. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 30, wherein  
9 the software component comprises the operating system's kernel.

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11      34. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 30 further  
12 comprising:

13            storing the at least one random key in the main memory; and  
14            locking the at least one random key in the main memory so that it does not  
15 get transferred to the second storage.

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17      35. (Original) An operating system programmed with instructions  
18 which, when implemented by the operating system, implement the method of  
19 claim 30.

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21      36. (Original) A system for use in protecting pageable information  
22 comprising:

23            a memory having pageable and non-pageable pages; and  
24            at least one key stored in the memory in a non-pageable page, the key being  
25 configured for use in encrypting pageable information.

1           37. (Original) The system of claim 36 further comprising a software  
2 component that is configured to access and use said one key to encrypt pageable  
3 information.

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5           38. (Original) The system of claim 37, wherein the one key is accessible  
6 only to the software component.

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8           39. (Original) The system of claim 37 further comprising at least one  
9 application configured to call the software component to encrypt the pageable  
10 information.

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12           40. (Original) The system of claim 37 further comprising a memory  
13 manager configured to call the software component to encrypt the pageable  
14 information.

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16          41. (Original) A computer program embodied on one or more computer-  
17 readable media, the program comprising:

18            encrypting information with a key that is page-locked in main memory of a  
19 computer;

20            paging out, to secondary storage, the encrypted information;

21            accessing the encrypted information in the secondary storage; and

22            decrypting the encrypted information with the key that is page-locked in the  
23 main memory.

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25          42. (Original) A programmable computer comprising:  
              a processor;

1 main memory for holding information;  
2 secondary storage for receiving information that is temporarily transferred  
3 out of the main memory;  
4 the computer being programmed with computer-readable instructions  
5 which, when executed by the processor, cause the computer to:  
6 encrypt information that is to be transferred to the secondary storage with a  
7 key that is locked in the main memory;  
8 transfer the encrypted information to the secondary storage; and  
9 decrypt the encrypted information with a key that is locked in the main  
10 memory.

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12 43. (Original) The programmable computer of claim 42, wherein the  
13 instructions cause the computer to generate the key and lock the key in the main  
14 memory.

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16 44. (Original) The programmable computer of claim 42, wherein the key  
17 that is used to encrypt the information is the same key that is used to decrypt the  
18 information.

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20 45. (Original) The programmable computer of claim 42, further  
21 comprising a software component that is programmed to encrypt and decrypt the  
22 information.

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24 46. (Original) The programmable computer of claim 45, wherein the  
25 software component comprises the operating system's kernel.

1       47. (Original) One or more application programming interfaces  
2 embodied on one or more computer-readable media for execution on a computer  
3 in conjunction with a paging operating system having main memory for holding  
4 information and a page file for receiving information that is paged out from the  
5 main memory, comprising:

6             an interface method for encrypting pageable information with a key that is  
7 page-locked in the main memory; and

8             an interface method for decrypting encrypted information that is contained  
9 in the page file.

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11       48. (Original) An application programming interface embodied on a  
12 computer-readable medium for execution on a computer in conjunction with a  
13 paging operating system having main memory for holding information and  
14 secondary storage comprising a page file for receiving information that is paged  
15 out from the main memory, comprising a method for setting an attribute on a page  
16 of main memory, the attribute designating that the page must be encrypted with a  
17 key that is page-locked in the main memory prior to the page being paged out to  
18 the page file.

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